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Each of the conductive members 3 is slightly shorter than the external electrode 2 in the stacking direction.

✓ IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 2 and 3, without prejudice, and please substitute amended claims 1, 6 and 7 as follows:

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1. (Second amended) A multilayer piezoelectric actuator device comprising:

a multilayer structure including a plurality of piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes, 5 said piezoelectric elements and said internal electrodes being stacked in a stacking direction so that each of said internal electrodes is placed between adjacent ones of said piezoelectric elements;

first and second external electrodes respectively 10 disposed on first and second side surfaces of said multilayer structure, each of said first and second external electrodes being connected to respective alternate ones of said internal electrodes; and

first and second conductive members respectively 15 connected to said first and second external electrodes, said first conductive member including a free end portion that is spaced apart from and faced to said first side surface of the multilayer structure, and said second conductive member including

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20 a free end portion that is spaced apart from and faced to said second side surface of the multilayer structure.

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6. (Second amended) A multilayer piezoelectric actuator device comprising:

a multilayer structure including a plurality of piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes, said piezoelectric elements and said internal electrodes being stacked in a stacking direction so that each of said internal electrodes is placed between adjacent ones of said piezoelectric elements;

10 first and second external electrodes respectively disposed on first and second side surfaces of said multilayer structure, each of said first and second external electrodes being connected to respective alternate ones of said internal electrodes; and

15 first and second conductive members respectively connected to said first and second external electrodes, said first conductive member including a free end portion that is spaced apart from and faced to said first side surface of the multilayer structure, and said second conductive member including a free end portion that is spaced apart from and faced to said
20 second side surface of the multilayer structure;

wherein each of said internal electrodes has a first end face which is substantially flush with one of said first and second side surfaces of the multilayer structure, and a second

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end face which is retracted from the other of said first and second side surfaces of the multilayer structure.

7. (Second amended) A multilayer piezoelectric actuator device comprising:

a multilayer structure including a plurality of piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes, said piezoelectric elements and said internal electrodes being stacked in a stacking direction so that each of said internal electrodes is placed between adjacent ones of said piezoelectric elements;

first and second external electrodes respectively disposed on first and second side surfaces of said multilayer structure, each of said first and second external electrodes being connected to respective alternate ones of said internal electrodes; and

first and second conductive members respectively connected to said first and second external electrodes, said first conductive member including a free end portion that is spaced apart from and faced to said first side surface of the multilayer structure, and said second conductive member including a free end portion that is spaced apart from and faced to said second side surface of the multilayer structure;

wherein each of said internal electrodes has end faces which are substantially flush with said first and second side surfaces of the multilayer structure, and one of said faces of